

**Public Outreach Meetings  
Regional Haze State Implementation Plan  
July 2003**

(SAG = Stakeholder Advisory Group for the Regional Haze SIP)

**Provo, July 8**

Air Quality Board and SAG member: Ernie Wessman,  
SAG members: Chuck Chappell, Kathy Van Dame  
DAQ staff: Rick Sprott, Colleen Delaney, Jan Miller  
Other attenders: 5

The meeting lasted 2 hours. The only comments were from Mountainland Association of Governments, and were submitted in written form and are summarized separately with other written comments. Questions focused on the operation and effects of the backstop trading program and on how to reduce pollution to meet public health needs.

**Moab, July 9**

Public officials: Jerry McNeely, Grand County Council member; Judy Bane, Grand County Administrator; Bill Howell, Executive Director, South East Association of Governments.  
SAG member: Adrien Taylor  
DAQ staff: Cheryl Heying, Jan Miller  
Other attenders: 5

The meeting lasted about 1.5 hours. Two comments were received. 1) A citizen said he looked all over the southwest to find clean air before settling in Moab. His perception is that the air is dirtier than it was when he was a kid, and he wants it to be clean. 2) A citizen is concerned about nitrogen oxide emissions from gas compressors near Price. He believes the statute should be changed so that DAQ can examine cumulative impact of such sources when issuing permits.

Questions focused on the interaction of the backstop trading program with the existing PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) program for large stationary sources of sulfur dioxide near the Class I areas, the effects of Mexican emissions and how they are addressed in the SIP, and how Utah's work is funded.

**Salt Lake City, July 10**

SAG members: Wes Quinton, Nina Dougherty, Paul Barber, Kathy Van Dame, Chuck Chappell  
DEQ staff: Dianne Nielson, Cheryl Heying, Colleen Delaney, Jan Miller  
Other attenders: 4

The meeting lasted about 1.5 hours. There were questions about the importance of road dust and ATVs in improving visibility, and whether a budget for mobile emissions will be required in urban areas.

One commenter pointed out that the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission expected that new power plants of the future would be fired by natural gas or other clean technology, but that is not happening--new coal-fired plants are being permitted because natural gas is more expensive than expected.

**St. George, July 15**

Air Quality Board member: Scott Hirschi

SAG member: Jerry Lewis

DAQ staff: Cheryl Heying, Jan Miller

Other attenders: 3

The meeting lasted about 1.5 hours. The Washington County Farm Bureau president asked about agricultural burning. There were other questions about the visibility monitoring program, the monitor at Zion National Park, and the details of how the market trading program would be triggered.

**Richfield, July 16**

Air Quality Board and SAG member: Ernie Wessman

DEQ District Engineer: Roger Foisy

DAQ staff: Rick Sprott, Jan Miller

Other attenders: 6

The meeting lasted about 2 hours. Questions were mostly about the small power plant that may be built near Richfield, and were answered by Ernie Wessman and Rick Sprott, who promised that DAQ will hold a hearing in Richfield before issuing a permit for the plant.

**Logan, July 17**

SAG members: Mary Risser, Reed Searle

DAQ staff: Cheryl Heying, Jan Miller

Other attenders: None.